

**TOWN OF PEACHAM
SELECTBOARD
MEETING MINUTES
January 20, 2016
UNAPPROVED**

Present:

Selectboard: David Jacobs & Nate Giroux

Clerk to the Board: Melissa Laurita Kohl

Public: Donnw Lowre, Matt Kiley, Mike Bruton, Road Foreman Jeremy Withers

The meeting was called to order by Chair Nate Giroux at 6:29P.M.

1. Additions
 - a) Planning Commission Appointment
2. Minutes
 - a) The minutes from 1/6/16 could not be approved as David was not present.
3. Planning Commission Appointment
 - a) **David moves to appoint Rene Joly to the Planning Commission. Nate seconds. So moved.**
4. Tax Abatement
 - a) A member of the public wanted to start the process of tax abatement. Tom said that this had not been done in many years so he was consulting VT League of Cities and Towns as they had a lawyer who could walk him through the process. He said that the Selectboard would not be making a decision. It would go to the Board of Civil Authority.
 - b) Tom printed up the State statutes on tax abatement and gave them to the Selectboard to read at home.
5. Winter Maintenance for the Peacham Village Pathway
 - a) The Selectboard did not receive any bids.
 - b) Matt Kiley brought up his idea again of using a snowmobile to pack down the trail and tread it. He offered to clear the mounds at the driveway so that Matt Kempton or another Kempton could snowmobile the trail.
 - c) Matt Kiley will push the snow into the right of way.
 - d) Kempton Farm has permission from the Selectboard to snowmobile from their house on Church St along Bayley Hazen Rd to the Village Pathway, snowmobile across the entire path and come back along Bayley Hazen Rd (from the intersection near the school) and back up Church St to their house.
6. Town Clerk Update
 - a) Not much to report. Everything going well. Town clerk and assistant are a solid team.
7. Town Highway Department
 - a) The road crew is seeking a new member. They have received a few applicants. Jeremy offered the position to someone who will start 2/2/16.
 - b) **Nate moves to go into Executive Session for private and confidential personnel information at 7:15P.M. David seconds. So moved.**
 - c) **Nate moves to come out of Executive Session at 7:32P.M. David seconds. So moved.**
 - d) **No action taken.**
8. Review & Approve Bills
 - a) The Selectboard reviewed and approved bills.
9. Review Correspondence
 - a) The Selectboard reviewed correspondence.

Nate moves to adjourn at 7:47P.M. David seconds. So moved.